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REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2,7,8, and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form with all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. Applicant has followed the Examiners guidance and amended claims 2, 7 and 10 as suggested. Claim 8 is now dependant on claim 7 and thereby also contains all of the limitations of claim 7.

Oath/Declaration 37 CFR 1.67(a)

A corrected Declration is filed herewith. The reference in the specification to claim priority to 06/752,503 is correct.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) , second paragraph


The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Liaw. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claim 3 which limits the temperature for the heating the fill material to less than 40 degrees is not anticipated by Liaw or described in the '862 reference. Claims 4 and 5 depend from amended claim 3. Claim 6 has been canceled and Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 7.

It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully solicited. Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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